

House Resolution 1063

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 63rd, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Abrams of the 84th, and Mangham of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Bishop Willie James Toney; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Willie James Toney passed away on December 2, 2007, in Indianapolis,
3 Indiana, after a long and productive life serving the Lord and his fellow men and women; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on October 28, 1936, in Selma, Alabama, the son of Oscar Toney,
5 Sr., and Lucille Fail; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he completed his apprenticeship as a journeyman electrician at Ivy Tech
7 Community College and retired in May, 2001, 20 years later, from Naval Avionics Center
8 in Indianapolis; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was called to the ministry at New Life Community Church of Truth, Inc.,
10 in 1992, and he used his talents as a minister and vocalist to give glory to the Lord for many
11 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was ordained bishop in 2005, and he held several positions at New Life,
13 including co-founder and national bishop; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is survived by the love of his life, his wife Sylvia, whom he married in 1975,
15 two daughters, Dannella Toney-Allen and Chasity Jefferson-Toney, seven grandchildren,
16 five step-children, a brother, four sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
19 Bishop Willie James Toney and convey condolences to his family and friends.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Bishop Willie
3 James Toney.